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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, MARR, MASS, NATO, GW, US

SUBJECT: TANK GUN QUESTION

REF: A) BONN 0589 DTG 121437Z JAN 78
B) BONN 0632 DTG 121737Z JAN 78

1. YOU MAY INFORM FRG OFFICIALS THAT:

A. PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO INFORM THE FRG BEFORE A TANK GUN DECISION IS MADE PUBLIC.

B. THE RESULTS OF THE FIRING TRIALS CANNOT BE PROVIDED SINCE THEY ARE HELD AS PROPRIETARY INFORMATION BY THE NATIONS INVOLVED. HOWEVER, FRG OBSERVERS
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WHO WERE ON SITE FOR THE US TRIALS HOLD INSTRUMENTATION DATA ON THEIR GUN AS WELL AS VISUAL DATA ON ALL FIRINGS.

2. ADMIRAL SEITZINGER, ON THE BEHALF OF GENERAL DR. SCHNELL, HAS COORDINATED THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WITH US WHICH WE SUGGEST YOU PROVIDE TO

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GENERAL DR. SCHNELL.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE EVALUATION OF THE THREE TANK-GUN SYSTEMS IS
STILL UNDERWAY. THE FIRING TRIALS WERE ONLY ONE
ASPECT OF THE ANALYSIS NEEDED. FOR EXAMPLE, ANALYSIS
OF FUTURE GROWTH POTENTIAL AND THE EVOLVING THREAT
ARE ALSO IMPORTANT CRITERIA. THE US DOD WILL MAKE
AN ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN IT HAS REACHED ITS DECISION,
CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1. END TEXT.

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